Closure of historic Garfield building and auditorium announced

The costs of maintaining and remodeling the Garfield building and Joyce Garver Theater are among the reasons for their closure.

Camas School District Superintendent Mike Nerland said the district also decided to close the building because of its structural integrity.

"There needs to be some money put into that building if it continues to stand as it currently is," he said.

The price tag for upgrades, to bring the structure in line with building codes, was an estimated $11 million.

Nerland said there would be a committee formed to decide the future of the historic building and theater.

"That building has been there a long time, and it's loved by the community," he said. "No decision will be made by the district until the committee has a chance to study different options."

The Garfield building is located at 14th Avenue and Garfield Street.